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a second magnet attached to the rod, the first and second magnets being aligned such that they repel one another.--

(Claims 10-17 have previously been cancelled).

--18. (amended) A fishing lure for use in water with a fishing line, the fishing lure comprising:
an artificial bait body having a tail; and
a weighted tube means in the artificial bait body for allowing a line to pass from the tail of the artificial bait body through the tube means and for causing the artificial bait body to be at a level position in the water while hanging on a fishing line .

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19. (twice amended) The fishing lure of claim 18, further comprising:
a line passing from the tail of the artificial bait body through the weighted tube means.

20. (twice amended) The fishing lure of claim 18, wherein:
the artificial bait body has a head;
the weighted tube means in the artificial bait body is positioned forward of the tail, generally in between the head and the tail;
the lure further comprises a flexible fishing line or leader having first and second ends, a first end being attached to the tail of the artificial bait body, the line or leader passing through the weighted tube means, wherein:
the second end of the line or leader is connected to a fishing reel or to a length of fishing line wound upon the reel.

21. The fishing lure of claim 20, wherein:
the line is a section of leader that has first and second ends, a first end attached to the tail, and the second end defining a point of attachment for attaching a user's rod/reel thereto.

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22. (amended) The fishing lure of claim 18, further comprising a hook attached to the lure body.
23. (amended) The fishing lure of claim 18, further comprising a hook attached to the line.
24. (amended) A method of fishing using the lure of claim 18 to catch fish.--

(Claim 25 has previously been cancelled).

- 26. (amended) The fishing lure of claim 18, wherein the artificial bait body is an artificial shrimp body.

27. The fishing lure of claim 26, further comprising:

a line passing from the tail of the artificial shrimp body through the tube means.

28. (amended) A fishing lure comprising:

an artificial bait body having a tail;

- an opening in the artificial bait body for allowing a line to pass from the tail of the artificial bait body through the opening; and

sound-making means for making a sound similar to the slapping or clicking noise that a live shrimp makes when the tail section of the live shrimp makes contact with its body section.

29. The fishing lure of claim 28, wherein the sound-making means comprises a float having a magnet thereon.

30. The fishing lure of claim 28, wherein the sound-making means comprises:

a float means slidingly received on a rod means;

a first magnet attached to the float means;

a second magnet attached to the rod means, the first and second magnets being aligned such that they repel one another.

31. (amended) The fishing lure of claim 18, wherein the artificial bait body is an artificial shrimp

body and the tube means is a tube for allowing a line to pass from the tail of the artificial shrimp body through the tube.

32. The fishing lure of claim 31, further comprising:

a line passing from the tail of the artificial shrimp body through the tube.

33. (amended) The fishing lure of claim 18, wherein the artificial bait body is an artificial shrimp body and includes whiskers.

34. (amended) The fishing lure of claim 33, further comprising:

a line passing from the tail of the artificial shrimp body through the tube means.

35. The fishing lure of claim 34, further comprising:

a sound-making means for making a sound similar to the slapping or clicking noise that a live shrimp makes when the tail section of the live shrimp makes contact with its body section.

36. The fishing lure of claim 35, wherein the sound-making means comprises a float having a magnet thereon.

37. The fishing lure of claim 35, wherein the sound-making means comprises:

a float means slidingly received on a rod means;

a first magnet attached to the float means;

a second magnet attached to the rod means, the first and second magnets being aligned such that they repel one another.

38. The fishing lure of claim 35, wherein the sound-making means comprises:

a float slidingly received on a rod means;

a first magnet attached to the float;

a second magnet attached to the rod means, the first and second magnets being